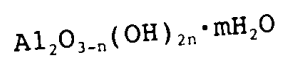


Sub B2  
Many attempts to use pigments as coloring materials for inks in ink-jet recording have been recently made. The reason for it is that the pigments are the best materials for imparting fastness properties such as water fastness and light fastness in an ink-jet system. Such ink-jet inks using such pigments are disclosed as water-based pigment inks satisfying basic properties such as print quality, ejection stability, shelf stability, resistance to clogging and fixing ability in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 2-255875, 6-99656, 4-57859 and 4-57860.--

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 7, line 17 and ending at page 8, line 9 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

--No particular limitation is imposed on the alumina hydrate used in the formation of the ink-receiving layer so far as the object of the present invention can be achieved. For example, that having the general formula



wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3, and m is a number ranging from 0 to 10, preferably from 0 to 5. In many cases,  $m\text{H}_2\text{O}$  represents an